

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND  
RESOLUTION 2007-48**

**RECOGNIZING THE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE TAKOMA PARK FARMERS MARKET**

**WHEREAS,** the Takoma Park Farmers Market was organized in 1983 as the Washington area's first Sunday farmers market and was an early pioneer in the "producers-only" movement; and

**WHEREAS,** the market began with eight vendors selling only fruits, vegetables, plants, flowers and herbs; and

**WHEREAS,** over the years, other food and agricultural products were added, but the market has remained a local producers-only market, selling items which must be produced within a 125-mile radius of Takoma Park; and

**WHEREAS,** in addition to providing a year round source of local fresh food products, the market is a center of community activity in Takoma Park, bringing residents and others together each week to shop and socialize; and

**WHEREAS,** the market's success provides an anchor for other local businesses, who benefit from increased pedestrian traffic and activity in the area; and

**WHEREAS,** at the close of the market on Sundays, market vendors have a tradition of donating perishable goods to Shepherds Table to benefit needy people in the area; and

**WHEREAS,** Takoma Park Farmers Market members worked with others to open the Crossroads Farmers Market, to encourage immigrant and minority growers in the area and to make the fresh, locally grown foods available to the diverse community in the Takoma Langley Crossroads area.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND** hereby recognizes and celebrates the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Takoma Park Farmers Market as a source of fresh, locally grown food and as an important community asset.

**ADOPTED THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2007.**

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**Kathryn H. Porter  
Mayor**